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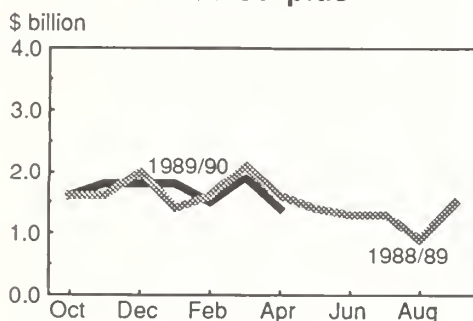
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

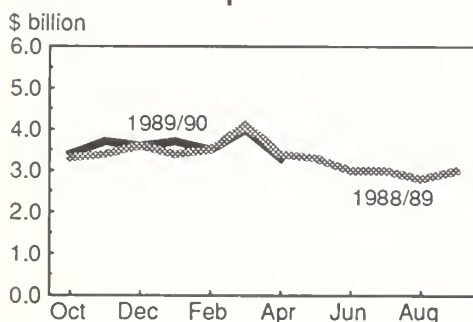
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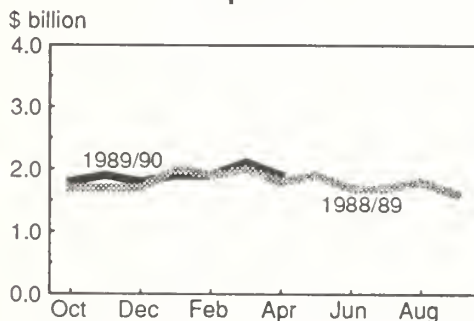
Trade Surplus



Exports



Imports



April Trade Surplus Down - The April agricultural trade surplus fell \$442 million to \$1.5 billion, the largest month-to-month drop since April 1989. Exports declined 17 percent to \$3.3 billion, while imports were down 12 percent at \$1.9 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1989-April 1990 totaled \$11.8 billion, unchanged from a year ago (table 3).

Exports Down in April - U.S. agricultural exports fell seasonally in April to \$3.3 billion, \$690 million below the previous month. Decreases in cattle hides, meat, wheat, rice, sorghum, animal feeds, soybean meal, soybeans, vegetable oils, cotton, and tobacco more than offset increases in corn, barley, and dairy products. October-April exports totaled \$25.3 billion, 3 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Corn export volume was virtually unchanged in April at 4.9 million tons valued at \$577 million. The Soviet Union replaced Japan as the largest market, taking almost 1.6 million tons. Other major markets in April included Taiwan, Spain, Korea, and Mexico. Average export unit value increased \$4 a ton to \$117.

Wheat exports fell sharply during April to 2.3 million tons valued at \$355 million. March exports had been inflated by a carryover in reporting from January. The Soviet Union remained the largest U.S. wheat market in April, taking 761,000 tons, followed by Japan, China, Algeria, Egypt, Taiwan, and Venezuela. The wheat export unit value fell 4 percent to \$154 a ton.

Soybean exports fell 50 percent in volume from the previous month to 1.2 million tons valued at \$277 million. This pattern follows the

typical seasonal downturn in April when South American supplies become available. Shipments to the EC fell significantly, accounting for most of the decline. Other major markets included Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. **Soybean meal** exports were down 24 percent to 393,000 tons. The export unit value for soybeans rose \$8 to \$233 a ton, while soybean meal unit values fell \$12 a ton to \$204.

Cotton exports fell steeply in April to 160,000 tons, 57,000 tons below the March figure. The U.S. cotton markets showing the largest decline in April were China, Korea, and Japan. The cotton export unit value fell again in April, dropping \$22 a ton to \$1,573.

Imports Decline in April - U.S. agricultural imports of \$1.9 billion in April were 12 percent below March's record level. The cumulative import figure for October-April reached \$13.5 billion, 6 percent above the same period a year ago. Fruit and vegetable imports (including bananas) fell seasonally by 26 percent to \$477 million. Coffee imports of \$170 million were down 15 percent from the previous month.

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FY 1990 Exports Forecast at \$40 Billion - The FY 1990 export forecast was increased in May to \$40 billion, the highest figure since the record \$43.8 billion in FY 1981. Much of the increase stems from a change in the reporting systems between the United States and Canada. Each country was under-reporting exports. The outlook was also bolstered by improved prospects for U.S. corn, soybeans, and cotton (see table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	24,551,336	25,252,217	--	--	3,420,538	3,347,967
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	3,854,175	3,803,631	--	--	531,415	538,736
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	334,606	246,152	--	--	19,934	18,116
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	200	74	119,316	54,657	14	6	8,906	4,826
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	22	46	163,024	158,930	3	10	6,344	8,505
Swine - live (NO)	164	45	18,284	6,784	3	3	824	1,045
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	182	228	7,102	7,638	32	36	1,137	1,434
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	26,880	18,142	--	--	2,722	2,306
Meats and meat products (MT)	468	517	1,358,507	1,390,998	72	62	207,285	195,385
Beef and veal (MT)	177	212	824,146	827,867	30	24	133,392	115,986
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	173	207	811,606	809,979	29	24	131,710	113,368
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	4	5	12,540	17,888	1	1	1,682	2,618
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	33	32	70,433	83,408	5	5	11,665	12,835
Pork (MT)	46	59	168,942	217,102	7	8	25,693	32,047
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	39	50	150,504	194,862	6	7	23,291	28,878
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	7	9	18,438	22,240	1	1	2,402	3,168
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	173	139	254,477	201,842	22	15	29,644	24,107
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	39	75	40,509	60,778	9	10	6,891	10,411
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	420,958	481,905	--	--	60,564	73,443
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	42,801	53,320	--	--	6,006	7,703
Baby chicks (NO)	21,030	20,816	38,306	43,325	2,557	2,933	5,332	6,286
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	4,495	9,995	--	--	674	1,417
Poultry meats (MT)	261	333	293,544	356,020	41	48	42,946	55,256
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	237	303	260,383	300,878	37	44	38,076	45,902
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	10	11	12,220	15,478	1	1	1,649	1,575
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	8	8	9,749	8,825	1	1	1,305	1,126
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	6	11	11,191	30,839	1	2	1,916	6,653
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	1	1	18,777	18,213	0	0	3,801	3,212
Eggs (NA)	--	--	65,835	54,353	--	--	7,810	7,272
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	269,484	185,310	--	--	34,233	34,769
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	9	2	13,842	1,718	3	0	4,346	373
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	67	11	79,512	16,858	13	1	10,029	1,084
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	3	20	4,925	32,177	1	2	1,154	2,742
Cheese (MT)	9	7	19,368	20,632	0	2	1,310	6,944
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	29,618	19,340	--	--	2,880	2,663
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	122,220	94,585	--	--	14,513	20,964
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	837	747	330,729	272,704	121	83	44,875	30,678
Lard (MT)	38	27	18,492	12,786	6	4	2,611	2,076
Tallow - inedible (MT)	677	595	257,127	208,295	94	63	34,229	21,920
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	123	124	55,109	51,624	21	16	8,035	6,682
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	984,177	1,063,503	--	--	144,111	162,959
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	14,823	14,934	777,457	788,594	2,321	1,932	116,441	104,975
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	18,340	22,445	--	--	2,266	2,967
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	89,032	127,057	--	--	10,646	20,919
Furskins (NA)	--	--	99,348	125,407	--	--	14,758	34,097
Mink pelts (NO)	1,908	3,803	60,747	89,553	336	1,453	9,640	29,437
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	38,601	35,854	--	--	5,118	4,661
Wool and mohair (MT)	4	5	22,628	23,948	1	1	2,738	2,329
Sausage casings (MT)	7	6	17,445	20,495	1	1	2,738	2,997
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	28,377	34,052	--	--	3,344	3,779
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	87,266	84,564	--	--	11,593	14,280
Grains and feeds (MT)	67,416	71,182	9,882,039	9,878,473	9,952	9,574	1,463,534	1,368,523
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	21,423	16,199	3,400,069	2,604,395	3,155	2,303	515,530	354,921
Wheat flour (MT)	727	639	149,510	149,898	128	121	26,973	29,116
Bulgur wheat (MT)	36	13	8,399	2,127	2	1	439	179
Other wheat products (MT)	6	9	5,803	8,441	1	1	906	1,092
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,774	1,744	538,906	579,519	212	234	66,316	81,220
Feed grains and products (MT)	36,521	45,196	4,489,047	5,117,487	5,549	5,890	683,093	696,517
Feed grains (MT)	36,288	44,912	4,419,171	5,039,354	5,507	5,800	670,599	678,186
Barley (MT)	754	988	94,467	112,345	294	183	38,187	23,089
Corn (MT)	30,671	38,982	3,764,936	4,381,369	4,489	4,920	545,997	577,194
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,793	4,933	552,060	544,637	714	695	85,498	77,726
Oats (MT)	5	6	693	818	0	1	74	134
Rye (MT)	65	2	7,015	184	11	1	844	43
Feed grain products (MT)	233	284	69,876	78,133	42	90	12,495	18,331
Popcorn (MT)	40	43	23,220	24,607	8	5	4,385	3,135
Blended food products (MT)	137	110	43,458	32,589	23	17	6,829	4,514
Other grain products (MT)	196	352	128,804	213,216	26	36	19,873	31,690
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	6,555	6,877	1,094,824	1,146,195	848	966	139,189	166,137
Corn by-products (MT)	3,304	3,407	492,931	489,014	468	493	69,652	68,875
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	298	320	43,845	49,282	36	41	5,231	6,640
Beet pulp (MT)	455	374	57,098	46,111	28	45	2,924	5,663
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	469	379	56,741	42,933	64	92	8,473	11,473
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	2,030	2,398	444,209	518,854	252	294	52,909	73,486
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	1,230	1,231	851,411	910,304	209	180	137,889	133,111
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,044	1,033	603,739	634,585	182	152	101,447	94,350
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	667	573	354,094	331,296	144	99	75,911	55,015
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	362	224	174,960	124,674	93	29	46,107	16,307
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	85	77	54,908	58,272	10	12	6,484	9,068
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	217	271	122,372	147,822	41	59	23,239	29,539
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	377	460	249,645	303,289	38	52	25,536	39,335
Apples - fresh (MT)	197	254	99,192	123,645	16	25	8,102	12,575
Grapes - fresh (MT)	69	62	63,493	62,185	3	1	2,629	1,366
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	110	145	86,960	117,459	19	26	14,804	25,394
Fruits - dried (MT)	99	110	156,514	177,595	14	14	22,715	22,679
Raisins - dried (MT)	55	58	85,985	92,701	9	8	13,385	12,983
Prunes - dried (MT)	37	46	58,441	72,558	5	5	7,323	7,725
Other dried fruits (MT)	6	6	12,089	12,337	1	1	2,007	1,971

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity group and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	49	44	50,080	47,064	8	7	7,477	7,601
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	14	15	12,794	15,040	2	2	1,607	1,915
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	26	29	28,284	36,019	4	5	4,644	6,566
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	2,475	3,080	131,812	171,372	416	546	24,168	29,655
Orange juice (HL)	1,188	1,652	62,197	83,150	200	280	10,593	13,733
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,287	1,428	69,615	88,222	216	266	13,575	15,922
Wine (HL)	236	428	45,109	55,119	71	74	9,269	8,877
Nuts and preparations (MT)	314	373	564,888	586,129	34	43	54,588	69,908
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	103	96	319,574	307,627	11	13	33,755	40,825
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	138	202	108,053	123,735	20	27	12,630	18,699
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	59	58	90,280	106,143	1	1	2,457	3,114
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	2	3	5,524	11,038	0	1	695	2,340
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	13	13	41,457	37,586	1	2	5,051	4,930
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	903,627	1,214,561	--	--	139,198	193,133
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	407	594	202,011	325,917	63	128	35,735	73,106
Celery - fresh (MT)	38	56	11,898	20,102	6	9	1,723	2,840
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	19	35	11,353	20,504	3	6	1,842	3,708
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	105	115	32,928	52,417	14	20	4,198	10,687
Onions - fresh (MT)	65	72	17,868	22,462	3	5	799	2,617
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	40	50	14,206	19,422	9	16	2,787	6,356
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	44	52	29,316	40,163	7	12	5,197	6,233
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	96	214	84,442	150,847	20	59	19,189	40,665
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	163	179	119,093	139,005	29	29	20,341	22,805
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	34	34	25,001	26,845	6	5	3,497	3,701
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	95	107	64,369	75,812	17	18	12,263	13,098
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	33	38	29,723	36,349	5	6	4,580	6,007
Vegetables - canned (MT)	108	119	94,930	104,162	11	19	10,227	14,723
Pulses (MT)	314	396	172,782	214,878	37	37	25,181	17,594
Dried beans (MT)	221	270	139,218	170,274	29	20	22,445	12,083
Dried peas (MT)	73	93	23,461	28,551	7	11	2,226	3,399
Dried lentils (MT)	20	32	10,103	16,054	1	5	510	2,112
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	6	9	41,814	55,106	0	1	5,233	9,194
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	272,997	375,493	--	--	42,482	55,710
Oilseeds and products (MT)	16,034	17,727	5,016,828	4,376,586	1,857	1,718	567,959	439,567
Oilcake and meal (MT)	3,729	3,090	1,049,718	672,541	594	414	164,905	84,092
Soybean meal (MT)	3,649	3,023	1,035,230	660,578	584	393	163,114	80,304
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	80	67	14,489	11,963	9	21	1,791	3,788
Oilseeds (MT)	11,508	13,890	3,469,759	3,254,386	1,156	1,221	339,191	299,766
Soybeans (MT)	11,204	13,566	3,297,445	3,066,678	1,112	1,186	314,473	276,548
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	60	69	32,194	36,952	8	8	4,205	4,701
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	42	48	34,605	33,885	4	5	2,933	2,901
Other oilseeds (MT)	163	169	48,241	46,099	27	18	7,983	5,676
Protein substances (MT)	39	39	57,273	70,773	6	5	9,597	9,939
Vegetable oils (MT)	798	747	497,351	449,659	108	83	63,863	55,709
Soybean oil (MT)	371	336	206,181	167,474	48	15	26,030	6,773
Cottonseed oil (MT)	91	105	47,317	49,046	5	6	2,919	3,376
Sunflower oil (MT)	138	104	68,590	54,650	32	26	13,262	13,698
Corn oil (MT)	93	104	58,457	65,460	7	19	4,577	12,520
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	104	98	116,807	113,028	15	17	17,074	19,342
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	154	158	935,058	968,696	20	18	121,095	120,379
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	33	31	228,647	211,273	10	8	73,644	55,297
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	87	95	573,918	625,421	5	6	33,150	46,571
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	34	32	132,493	132,002	4	3	14,301	18,511
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	823	1,116	1,139,893	1,809,122	137	160	185,726	251,719
Cotton linters (MT)	31	27	11,820	11,163	3	3	1,235	1,411
Essential oils (MT)	8	8	102,969	112,572	1	1	17,973	19,236
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	267	321	342,423	408,042	29	25	32,923	36,493
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	--	--	446,736	468,244	--	--	61,804	56,539
Sugar and related prods (MT)	--	--	160,874	207,022	--	--	28,647	23,340
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	190	254	69,145	103,441	28	19	9,508	8,469
Related sugar prods (MT)	--	--	91,729	103,581	--	--	19,139	14,871
Coffee (MT)	10	10	53,649	61,206	2	1	8,073	7,245
Cocoa (MT)	5	63	12,406	24,180	1	1	1,668	3,148
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	29	36	96,282	111,294	4	4	11,538	12,145
Tea and mate' (MT)	3	5	12,651	22,906	0	1	2,533	3,681
Spices (MT)	5	6	16,120	18,019	1	1	2,195	2,724
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	22	13	38,615	21,903	5	2	6,764	4,034
Other misc veg prods (MT)	25	18	132,994	146,732	4	2	21,668	15,439
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	65,664	111,773	--	--	13,682	25,579
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	123,889	219,698	--	--	36,412	39,663
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	6,042,242	7,013,835	--	--	848,545	1,188,398
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,470,453	1,361,144	--	--	188,675	226,830
Fish and shellfish (MT)	338	382	1,048,848	1,139,898	41	78	131,314	205,463
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	156	242	475,964	527,751	27	43	62,361	96,933
Shellfish (MT)	73	84	401,573	444,534	9	23	51,602	90,732
Other fish products (MT)	108	56	171,311	167,613	6	12	17,351	17,799
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	171	148	862,791	846,005	29	31	126,431	163,435
Fungicides (MT)	16	14	93,496	114,004	2	2	10,603	17,080
Herbicides (MT)	90	76	451,899	430,020	15	19	56,023	98,184
Insecticides (MT)	42	36	186,883	138,277	9	7	34,057	28,788
Other pesticides (MT)	22	22	130,513	163,704	3	2	25,748	19,383
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	857,940	1,185,303	--	--	175,037	174,906
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	27	22	297,594	394,537	3	3	58,266	55,708
Other machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	560,346	790,766	--	--	116,771	119,198
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,802,210	2,481,484	--	--	227,087	417,763

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	12,700,769	13,464,432	--	--	1,825,978	1,894,206
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	3,628,524	3,329,541	--	--	517,874	485,578
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,727	1,859	485,874	534,073	228	286	62,373	82,577
Coffee, including products (MT)	578	846	1,392,440	1,278,322	89	110	201,676	170,488
Cocoa and products (MT)	343	398	602,726	569,582	53	78	90,492	99,225
Tea and mate' (MT)	51	54	76,265	92,302	7	8	11,575	14,659
Spices (MT)	62	61	161,715	136,929	10	8	23,078	19,016
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	558	490	668,714	418,499	76	63	88,905	52,900
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	5,908	7,902	0	0	793	1,352
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	10	9	34,249	27,794	2	1	6,282	4,450
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	45	55	22,207	24,636	8	7	3,895	3,213
Essential oils (MT)	10	27	84,181	86,777	2	14	11,339	15,552
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	22	33	88,785	152,326	2	5	17,384	22,146
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	5,460	398	--	--	81	0
Competitive agricult imports (NA)	--	--	9,072,245	10,134,891	--	--	1,308,104	1,408,628
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	2,924,321	3,191,766	--	--	400,586	433,390
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,714	1,929	508,428	650,359	225	306	69,414	103,886
Cattle - live (NO)	924	1,305	399,362	553,565	156	214	60,675	91,231
Horses & mules - live (NO)	6	8	39,171	37,170	1	1	2,883	3,287
Swine - live (NO)	746	599	66,664	58,100	66	90	5,605	9,318
Sheep - live (NO)	19	14	2,722	1,074	1	0	94	17
Other live animals (NO)	20	2	509	451	2	0	157	34
Meats and prods exc. poultry (M)	639	644	1,394,934	1,606,372	91	89	195,377	212,753
Beef and veal (MT)	378	429	848,545	1,063,969	54	56	124,049	129,809
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	338	382	745,289	930,753	49	51	111,753	116,668
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	40	47	103,256	133,217	5	5	12,297	13,141
Pork (MT)	231	185	470,753	470,356	32	29	61,095	74,528
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	147	117	234,650	229,047	22	18	33,614	36,527
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	83	69	236,103	241,309	10	11	27,481	38,001
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	11	10	23,152	23,271	2	1	3,605	2,914
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	6	49	0	0	0	0
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	7	6	11,114	9,724	1	1	1,867	1,184
Other meats-fresh or froz(MT)	2	1	16,180	7,174	0	0	1,422	4,416
Other meats & products (MT)	10	12	25,183	31,829	1	1	3,338	3,901
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	67,742	78,413	--	--	9,784	9,260
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	7,393	9,463	--	--	1,388	1,214
Poultry meat (MT)	3	2	8,523	10,531	0	0	763	1,142
Eggs (NA)	--	--	11,809	13,691	--	--	2,221	2,192
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	6	8	40,018	44,727	1	1	5,412	4,713
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	462,940	526,865	--	--	53,859	65,683
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	9	10	10,508	11,242	1	2	1,557	2,512
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	2	2,380	2,987	0	0	274	269
Cheese (MT)	66	81	211,160	251,384	8	11	24,955	35,397
Casein & mixtures (MT)	36	48	162,836	225,449	5	5	22,980	22,770
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	76,056	35,804	--	--	4,094	4,736
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	9	10	8,329	8,519	1	2	904	1,576
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	167,093	89,175	--	--	17,467	9,512
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	4	5	24,068	23,218	1	1	3,666	2,572
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA)	--	--	40,338	35,895	--	--	5,874	5,263
Furskins (NA)	--	--	102,687	30,062	--	--	7,927	1,677
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	29	24	182,789	101,487	6	3	36,222	14,402
Sausage casings (MT)	9	7	38,714	29,823	1	1	6,054	4,740
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,356	1,638	--	--	332	167
Misc. animal products (NA)	--	--	90,997	99,115	--	--	11,173	11,410
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	2,029	2,019	660,916	695,925	269	317	95,581	99,407
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	182	208	32,709	32,596	26	23	5,336	3,701
Corn, unmilled (MT)	33	21	16,791	2,844	10	1	7,429	793
Oats, unmilled (MT)	682	644	96,861	65,146	82	126	11,182	11,623
Barley, unmilled (MT)	137	169	23,959	28,025	16	29	3,176	4,916
Rice (MT)	65	81	31,249	41,218	9	15	4,335	7,373
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	85	95	179,668	203,457	11	11	22,255	22,949
Pasta & noodles (MT)	67	78	55,788	71,665	13	12	10,917	11,231
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	99,522	99,116	--	--	12,898	14,265
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	625	580	124,369	151,859	77	81	18,053	22,555
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,244	1,332	699,852	799,350	306	274	149,760	152,765
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	941	1,018	464,045	551,908	267	227	121,226	114,781
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	28	36	26,022	35,931	7	10	4,981	8,869
Apples, fresh (MT)	60	61	24,099	24,054	20	18	8,332	8,855
Citrus, fresh (MT)	54	56	14,578	16,945	5	6	1,795	2,496
Grapes, fresh (MT)	247	330	182,394	250,846	77	61	55,485	44,007
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	8	11	6,790	10,486	5	7	4,957	7,090
Melons, fresh (MT)	364	323	97,258	89,681	131	104	33,616	30,758
Pineapples, fresh (MT)	54	63	23,355	26,720	7	13	2,827	5,563
Other fruits- fresh or frozen	125	138	89,548	97,246	15	9	9,233	7,143
Fruits - prepared or preserved	303	313	235,807	247,442	39	47	28,534	37,984
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	161	159	96,594	90,864	20	25	11,465	14,942
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	142	154	139,213	156,579	18	22	17,069	23,042
Orange juice (HL)	10,034	12,801	351,302	396,780	1,480	989	43,724	40,536
Other fruit juices (HL)	7,873	6,910	179,634	160,583	862	1,059	20,332	25,073
Nuts and preparations (MT)	77	87	189,703	199,766	8	9	20,252	20,928
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	3	7,545	7,865	0	0	282	165
Cashew nuts (MT)	26	29	119,421	114,698	4	4	14,914	14,131
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	8,378	10,016	0	0	82	202
Coconut meat (MT)	26	31	22,342	25,353	3	4	2,710	2,966
Filberts (MT)	2	0	5,626	553	0	0	259	143
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	9,805	8,272	0	0	311	520
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	2	1,106	6,168	0	0	149	270
Other nuts (MT)	16	16	15,481	26,841	1	1	1,546	2,531

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,236,782	1,615,002	--	--	198,505	176,223
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,303	1,438	655,873	994,038	187	166	101,244	83,427
Tomatoes (MT)	255	315	154,506	360,773	43	18	30,990	10,175
Asparagus (MT)	11	15	14,779	23,612	1	0	393	365
Beans (MT)	18	18	16,406	20,532	3	1	2,794	1,093
Carrots (MT)	38	46	9,063	9,393	4	4	1,017	986
Cucumbers (MT)	181	174	73,213	69,153	17	12	7,809	5,054
Eggplant (MT)	17	13	8,252	16,304	2	2	1,244	845
Garlic (MT)	6	10	5,346	11,178	2	2	1,274	2,277
Lettuce (MT)	23	11	8,168	4,223	0	0	57	36
Onions (MT)	121	140	48,235	51,424	25	37	7,259	9,660
Peas, including chickpeas (MT)	33	29	32,444	37,292	4	3	4,389	3,738
Peppers (MT)	103	108	68,919	129,392	13	10	10,957	12,477
Potatoes (MT)	179	185	48,375	53,744	31	28	9,763	9,747
Squash (MT)	67	73	32,064	41,090	8	8	4,040	4,259
Other vgs-fresh or froz (MT)	250	302	136,103	165,927	34	39	19,258	22,715
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA)	--	--	580,909	620,964	--	--	97,261	92,795
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	41	42	79,288	86,885	5	6	9,822	12,687
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	29	26	70,246	66,025	7	4	17,644	12,140
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	7	22,237	33,683	1	0	3,030	737
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	4	8	7,999	14,649	1	1	1,699	1,061
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	1	3,470	1,578	0	0	230	218
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	109	81	88,438	76,989	24	18	20,810	17,636
Waterchestnuts (MT)	15	20	11,868	15,518	3	3	2,180	2,272
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	34	31	18,330	16,881	5	4	2,427	2,137
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	279,032	308,758	--	--	39,419	43,907
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	482,196	610,481	--	--	62,778	108,940
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	869	953	313,588	394,659	84	168	29,664	72,678
Molasses - inedible (MT)	1,735	4,866	35,456	44,644	707	991	8,838	11,159
Confectionery products (MT)	36	57	65,554	102,197	7	8	12,890	14,810
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	164	154	67,597	68,981	31	21	11,386	10,293
Spices (MT)	13	11	22,807	15,348	2	2	4,745	3,266
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	92	100	280,823	302,385	19	15	53,553	44,251
Tobacco - filler (MT)	84	96	269,734	293,129	18	13	51,602	42,372
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	6	4	4,220	2,133	1	1	854	493
Other tobacco (MT)	2	1	6,869	7,123	0	0	1,097	1,385
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	7,504	7,295	1,016,258	1,048,648	1,084	1,092	139,474	140,991
Wine (HL)	1,686	1,682	537,275	564,822	219	196	68,212	61,685
Malt beverages (HL)	5,359	5,197	443,479	453,447	791	840	65,947	75,447
Other beverages (HL)	459	416	35,504	30,379	74	56	5,315	3,859
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,167	1,205	566,327	561,845	89	174	45,118	78,783
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	259	336	95,239	126,587	16	44	7,066	16,888
Flaxseed (MT)	123	76	41,910	24,498	2	5	718	1,702
Sesameseed (MT)	23	27	19,185	31,814	4	3	3,546	3,684
Other oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	112	233	34,145	70,275	10	37	2,803	11,504
Oils and waxes-vegetable (MT)	697	693	430,903	407,081	42	110	32,819	58,878
Castor oil (MT)	24	27	22,230	24,998	0	6	387	5,141
Coconut oil (MT)	190	294	96,096	131,020	6	32	3,049	12,531
Olive oil (MT)	48	47	80,272	91,854	6	7	10,977	14,800
Palm oil (MT)	92	78	37,333	20,289	5	24	1,689	4,032
Palm kernel oil (MT)	111	96	62,040	42,615	8	22	4,721	8,144
Other oils and waxes-veg. (MT)	231	151	132,932	96,305	17	19	11,996	14,229
Oilcake and meal (MT)	211	176	40,185	28,177	31	20	5,232	3,018
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1	0	3,162	239	0	0	1,408	0
Cotton linters (MT)	4	21	1,530	11,237	0	2	42	1,673
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	134	144	132,263	115,913	36	33	27,595	22,819
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	183,379	192,526	--	--	25,054	31,893
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	87,201	128,538	--	--	8,693	14,265
Other vegetable products (MT)	15	26	53,787	88,558	3	3	10,903	13,425
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	5,758,706	5,942,449	--	--	859,971	954,642
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	10,699	10,113	1,110,443	933,459	1,938	1,994	175,490	182,739
Potassium (MT)	4,616	4,527	412,021	369,517	746	944	65,628	74,328
Nitrogen (MT) 1/	4,178	3,135	521,018	396,364	788	585	74,703	79,518
Phosphate (MT)	1,726	2,437	148,058	164,839	396	463	33,859	28,321
Mixed and organic fertilizers (155	0	25,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	16,423	818	2,980,298	3,043,524	109	121	389,238	459,080
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	515	558	1,345,410	1,490,298	85	78	212,962	224,274
Shellfish (MT)	202	215	1,585,946	1,524,732	23	33	173,777	228,551
Fish products, other (MT)	15,706	46	48,942	28,494	2	10	2,500	6,255
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	37	62	218,186	352,792	9	10	47,244	51,641
Fungicides (MT)	6	9	23,271	26,708	2	2	3,785	4,969
Herbicides (MT)	5	8	68,930	81,917	1	1	17,232	11,968
Insecticides (MT)	1	2	17,496	20,940	0	0	2,065	3,047
Other pesticides (MT)	25	42	108,490	223,227	6	6	24,161	31,656
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,399,895	1,554,788	--	--	242,773	251,574
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	516	1,126	634,002	751,583	139	106	103,048	123,047
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	765,893	803,205	--	--	139,725	128,526
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	49,883	57,886	--	--	5,225	9,608

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Feb	Mar	Apr	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,503	4,038	3,348	25,252	2.9
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,256	2,307	2,074	14,974	5.2
Imports (Customs val.)	1,991	2,143	1,894	13,464	6.0
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,247	1,731	1,274	10,279	-0.3
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,512	1,896	1,454	11,788	-0.0
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--U.S. agricultural export forecast, FY 1990

Commodity group	Fiscal 1989	Fiscal 1990 (f)	Percent Change
-- Billion dollars --			
Total	39.7	40.0	0.8
Wheat and flour	6.3	5.1	-19.0
Rice	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Coarse grains	7.2	7.9	9.7
Soybeans	4.1	3.7	-9.8
Soybean meal	1.3	0.9	-30.8
Animal products	6.6	6.7	1.5
Horticultural	4.1	5.0	22.0
Cotton & linters	2.1	2.9	38.1
Tobacco, unmgf	1.3	1.3	nc
-- Million tons --			
Total	146.4	150.0	2.5
Wheat and flour	38.9	33.2	-14.7
Rice	3.0	2.4	-20.0
Coarse grains	60.4	67.2	11.3
Soybeans	14.1	16.6	17.7
Soybean meal	4.7	4.1	-12.8
Animal products	3.3	3.4	3.0
Horticultural	3.8	4.5	18.4
Cotton & linters	1.5	1.8	20.0
Tobacco, unmgf	0.2	0.2	nc

(f)=forecast nc=no change

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Feb	Mar	Apr	FY to date	Change fr prev. ye
					Percent
Total	3,503	4,038	3,348	25,252	2.9
Live animals	27	36	26	299	-20.7
Meat & preps	254	285	251	1,747	5.7
Dairy prod & eggs	37	33	42	240	-28.5
Animal fats	32	46	31	273	-17.5
Hides & skins	144	176	163	1,064	8.1
Wheat	385	457	355	2,604	-23.4
Rice	68	85	81	580	7.5
Corn	528	554	577	4,381	16.4
Other feed grains	97	88	101	658	0.6
Animal feeds	249	330	250	1,819	-15.2
Soybeans	457	535	277	3,067	-7.0
Vegetable oils	66	82	56	450	-9.6
Horticult. prods.	496	545	511	3,565	20.3
Cotton & linters	283	348	253	1,820	58.1
Tobacco, unmgf.	146	168	120	969	3.6

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs val)

Commodity group	Feb	Mar	Apr	FY to date	Change fr prev. ye
					Percent
Total	1,991	2,143	1,894	13,464	6.0
Live animals	97	94	105	660	27.9
Meat & preps.	230	257	214	1,617	15.2
Dairy prod, eggs	66	64	68	541	13.9
Grains & feeds	83	86	99	696	5.3
Fruits & nuts	341	361	322	2,091	9.7
Vegetables	337	308	176	1,615	30.6
Vegetable oils	56	45	59	407	-5.5
Wine	46	64	62	565	5.1
Malt beverages	62	68	75	453	2.2
Coffee	187	221	170	1,278	-8.2
Cocoa	74	89	99	570	-5.5
Rubber, natural	52	69	53	418	-37.4
Sugar	70	88	73	395	25.9
Tobacco, unmgf.	41	47	44	302	7.7
Seeds, flowers	64	67	69	437	8.5

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